

**FLOODING MITIGATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - Draft
JUNE 18, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.**

The City of Miami Beach Flooding Mitigation Committee met on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. The meeting was led by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson. Commissioner Michael Grieco was in attendance. The minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2014 were approved by the City Commission at the meeting held on June 11, 2014.

UPDATE FROM MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON FLOODING AND SEA RISE

Scott Robins, Chairperson, Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Flooding and Sea Rise emphasized the summer priority to install tide flex valves in critical areas to minimize flooding during fall high tides. The City's under designed drainage system cannot handle the amount of water and garbage that collects in the existing system. A maintenance program to clean up garbage has been increased. Design standards are upsized.

ACTION: It was requested that staff explain the potential for installation of grates and the maintenance program more fully at the July 9, 2014 meeting of the Flooding Mitigation Committee.

FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Bruce Mowry, City Engineer, distributed an update of the Stormwater and Mitigation Projects dated June 18, 2014. It was mentioned that 60 tide flex valves will be installed on outfalls. The Commissioners said they would like to be shown how the valves function when staff goes out to conduct an evaluation. Bruce announced that the 10th and 14th Street Pump Station Project work will begin this week.

ACTION: To direct staff to prepare a GIS Map with dates, placement and updated conditions of the placement of valves throughout the City.

SEA WALL DESIGNS

Bruce announced that there are 60 miles of seawalls throughout the City. There was discussion of raising the height from 3.2 feet NAVD to 5.7 feet NAVD for both public and private property. Construction materials will have to be specified as part of the new standard.

ACTION: To send to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel the Sea Wall recommendations outlined in the June 18, 2014 Projects Update and to come back to the Flooding Mitigation Committee with a Panel recommendation.

ESTABLISH NAME FOR \$300 MIL. MIAMI BEACH FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR PROJECT SIGNS

ACTION: Commissioner Wolfson asked that suggestions be discussed at the July 9, 2014 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The Flooding Mitigation Committee will meet next on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. The meeting will be posted on the City's website www.miamibeachfl.gov, Quick Links, Commission Committee Referral Tracking (CCRT), Flooding Mitigation Home Page to obtain future and past agendas.